the Chittur Taluk Government irrigate about 20,000 acres of land, while they maintain innumerable chiras and smaller irrigation works in the other taluks of Cochin-Kanayannur, Trichur, Mukundapuram and Talappalli, and they irrigate about 30,000 acres altogether. Then there is the question of flood prevention. Government have done quite a good amount of work in preventing floods in the Karuvannur area: Government, I believe, made a very definite step forward in appointing an Irrigation Advisory Board. They have been working for the past one year and have examined several schemes. It is our intention to examine these schemes, to strike an order of priority, prepare estimates for these works and make a definite programme for irrigation works in the coming years. Even for the year 1116, according to their advice, we have provided for the construction of a canal from Kottemkoottuvalavu chira to Vellanipadam. A large amount has also been set apart for the improvement of the Chittur irrigation systems. So, the House will realise it is our intention to have a definite programme of the irrigation works with the co-operation of the several Advisory Boards that have been constituted. I believe, it is therefore a virtual acceptance of the principle set forth in the cut motion.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Sir, I don't want to reply. I press the motion to a division.

Motion put and carried

The demand of Rs. 11,64,447 less Rs. 3 under "28-Public Works," put and carried.

20—Public Works, Cranganur—Rs. 14,895

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Sir, I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 14,895 under "20-Public Works, Cranganur". I request, the House may be pleased to sanction the allotment.

Demand put and carried

The House rose for the day at 5 p.m.

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Secretary to the Council

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